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## ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS

### Assemblymember Peoples Proud of EPA Cleanup of Sweet Kleen Laundry Site

As a member of the NYS Assembly's Environmental Committee, Assemblymember Crystal D. Peoples (141st A.D.) is proud that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 2 has completed the final phase of cleanup at the former Sweet Kleen Laundry, located at 760 Kensington Avenue. The Sweet Kleen Laundry facility once was a two-acre commercial laundry operation that open in 1925 and then was abandoned in the early 1990's.

"This cleanup is one step in the right direction towards an environmentally safe Buffalo. I am pleased the EPA is helping us in our efforts to correct the damage and contamination that has plagued our neighborhoods over the past few decades," Assemblymember Peoples said.

Phase 1 of the cleanup was completed in 2005 with the demolition of a 100-foot chimney and removal of on-site buildings, asbestos and over 49 drums of waste products and electrical transformers. The debris was then taken to a variety of off-site disposal facilities.

The second phase of cleanup, which was completed in September 2006, removed contaminated soils containing a common dry cleaning solvent known as perchlorethylene. Five hundred tons of contaminated soil was disposed of at two disposal facilities off-site. EPA has not indicated that the residences and the surrounding area have been impacted as a result of the site.

The City of Buffalo recently attained the property and associated buildings through foreclosure. With the assistance of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the City of Buffalo secure EPA's help in conducting the cleanup, a major breakthrough for Buffalo.

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## HEALTHCARE REFORM

### Recent Healthcare Reforms Change Fate for Some WNY Hospitals

'Healthcare is of the utmost importance' was the theme for many Western New Yorkers as the recommendations from the New York State Commission on Healthcare Facilities went public on